Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 04 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 05 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 02:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the details over the next few days.

Headline for Saturday 04 Feb 2023: Cloudy with patchy drizzle during morning then more persistent rain in afternoon. Rain turning to sleet or snow above 700m before clearing late afternoon. Windy and feeling bitterly cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 04 Feb 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Drizzle	Light rain	Sleet	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	70%	70%	20%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 04 Feb 2023

Weather: Cloudy with patchy drizzle on Saturday morning. A band of more persistent rain will cross all areas during afternoon, briefly turning to sleet and snow above 700m before drier, clearer weather follows late in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance, becoming 70% from late afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Misty conditions beneath the clouds which will be extensive around 700m. Clouds lowering in the afternoon as persistent rain comes along with visibility becoming poor and very poor in sleet and snow. Visibility becoming very good late in afternoon with clouds lifting and breaking up.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/48 SW	41/51 SW	47/59 SW	35/44 W	32/41 W	26/33 NW	21/27 W
900	28/38 SW	30/40 SW	30/40 SW	23/31 W	21/30 W	16/22 W	14/21 W
600	38/46 SW	39/49 SW	41/52 SW	24/33 W	23/30 W	15/21 SW	13/18 SW
300	19/28 SW	20/32 SW	21/33 S	12/18 W	13/22 W	9/14 NW	8/12 SW
Glen	12/26 SW	15/31 SW	16/33 SW	10/22 W	9/22 W	4/10 W	4/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-0/-9	-0/-9	1/-8	-3/-13	-5/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14
900	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	-1/-8	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-9
600	5/-2	4/-2	5/-2	1/-6	0/-6	-1/-6	-0/-6
300	7/3	7/2	7/2	3/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2
Glen	8/6	8/5	8/5	6/2	4/1	3/1	2/0
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1400m	700m	500m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very difficult conditions on higher ridges and summits. Feeling bitterly cold along with strong winds, poor visibility and rain and snow.

Forecast for Sunday 05 Feb 2023
Weather: A much better day to be in the hills. All ranges will be dry and bright with plenty of sunshine. Cold, frosty start in the glens.

Maximum wind: Light southwest winds with average speeds of 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility. Patches of cloud about 700 to 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius by early afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600m.

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